



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Grants & Special Projects**

Date: March 8, 2002
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to: Minneapolis City Council

**Subject: Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Program
Rehabilitation and Innovation Grant Applications for Tot Lots**

Recommendation

Authorize designated staff at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) to submit two 2002 UPARR grant applications.

Submitted by Michy Wells, Planner, 673-2588

Approved by John Moir, City Coordinator _____

Presenters in Committee: Michy Wells (673-2588) G&SP Planner
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Previous Directives (MPRB approval February, 2002)

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification
City Goals
Comprehensive Plan
Zoning Code
Other

Background/Supporting Information - on the following page

**2002 U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service Grants
for
Playground Improvement Projects**

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is seeking approval from the Ways and Means Committee and the City Council to submit two (2) grants to the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service for playground improvement projects. These projects are planned at Harrison Park, (503 Irving Avenue North) and Hall School Park (15th and Aldrich Avenue North). The purpose of these two tot lot projects is to replace worn and outdated play equipment, resurface asphalt pathways, add benches and picnic tables, enhance landscaping, and make other related improvements as the budget allows. The requested UPARR grant amounts are \$250,000 per project for a total request of \$500,000. The Local Match is a total of \$220,000, with \$110,000 for each project. The Total Project Amount for these two projects is \$720,000. This local match will be included in the MPRB 2003 Capital Budget, for approval this December. Grant -re-applications are due March 29, 2002 with preliminary awards determined by August 2002. If these projects receive UPARR funding, it is projected planning and construction would take place in 2003.

If you need any further information, please call Tom Witek at (612) 661-4816